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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136, the applicant hereby petitions for an automatic extension of time of 1 month to respond to the Office Action of April 21, 2004. Response will therefore be timely if filed with the Patent and Trademark Office no later than Angust 21, 2004.

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.17, the required fee of \$110 is authorized to be charged to Deposit Account 12-0913.

Actually, the examiner checked the wrong period for reply in the Advisory Action of

August 9, 2004, and the second box, box b), should have been checked and therefore this extension should properly be through September 9, 2004. However, since a replacement for the improper Advisory Action has yet to be received, the dates above are being set forth, it being understood that when the examiner reissues the Advisory Action, the proper extension of time should be September 9, 2004.

August 20, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

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